

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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March 23, 2004

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FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Director
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO **SUBSECTION 31.0820(f)** OF THE SAN BERNARDINO
COUNTY CODE RELATING TO RATES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Read title only of Ordinance No. _____, amending **subsection 31.0820(f)** of the San Bernardino County Code relating to the regulation of rates for Ambulance Services.
2. Waive reading of entire text and **CONTINUE TO TUESDAY**, _____, **2004** at 10:00 a.m. for adoption.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: County Code currently authorizes the County Health Officer to approve net ambulance rate increases up to 10% annually. Adjustments resulting in a change in revenue greater than 10% require approval by the Board of Supervisors. In a Board action taken on February 24, 2004, staff was directed to prepare an ordinance amendment to remove the Health Officer's authority to grant ambulance rate increases up to the 10% limit. This Item revises County Code to specify that the Health Officer shall be responsible for reviewing all proposed net ambulance rate increases and recommend for consideration by the Board any such increases supported by adequate documentation; and, specifies that approval for any level of net revenue increase rests with the Board of Supervisors.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (**Charles Larkin**, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on **March 18, 2004**. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst (909) 388-0211) on March 12, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item imposes no additional cost to the County.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends this action as it results in no local cost to the county.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All Districts

PRESENTER: James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146

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